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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority to copending U.S. application No. 10/610,299, filed June 30, 2003, Case Number 9313, and to U.S. application No. 10/435,996, filed May 12, 2003, Case Number 9134R, both of which claim priority to prior copending U.S. application No. 10/324,661, filed December 20, 2002, Case Number 9134.

FIELD OF INVENTION

This invention relates to webs such as films and fibrous woven and nonwoven webs. In particular, this invention relates to laminates of such webs treated by mechanical formation to have improved fluid handling properties for use in disposable absorbent articles.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Disposable absorbent articles such as disposable diapers, incontinence products, catamenial products and the like are widely used, and much effort has been made to improve the effectiveness and functionality of these articles. In general such articles have a fluid permeable body-facing layer, often referred to as a topsheet, a fluid impermeable garment-facing layer, often referred to as a backsheet, and a fluid storage member, often referred to as an absorbent core, sandwiched between the topsheet and the backsheet. Other components, such as acquisition layers, secondary topsheets, and adhesive fasteners are also well known in the art.

It is known to make laminates of web materials to combine the fluid handling properties of each into an improved fluid handling composite material. For example, it is known to combine into a laminate two nonwoven materials by needlepunching to produce integrally-bonded and entangled nonwoven webs. This process is often simply referred to as "needling." U.S. Patent No. 5,080,951 granted Jan. 14, 1992 to Guthrie, for example, discloses a nonwoven web composed of multiple layers bonded by a needling process that causes some fibers to extend through the entire thickness of the fabric and beyond the surface, thereby leaving short segments of filaments protruding from the exterior surface of the web. Frequently hydroentangling is used to accomplish a similar entangling of two fibrous nonwoven webs. Needling, like fluid